

required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to
Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the March 20, 2000 Office Action,

kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend Claims 13-15, 17-21, 27, 33, 37, and
41-44, as follows:

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13. (Amended) A recording device comprising:
constituting method holding means for holding
constituting method information [of name] related to at least
one of an image data file and a voice data file, in advance
of a photographing operation, said constituting method
information comprising user information exclusive to the user
and;
mode setting means for setting a photographing
recording mode; and
file name determining means for automatically

determining a file name of the image data or the voice data according to information selected depending on a photographing recording mode set by said mode setting means from [said constituting method] the user exclusive information [of named] held in said constituting method holding means, during a recording operation of the image data or the voice data.

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14. (Amended) A recording device comprising:

constituting method setting means for setting constituting method information [of named] related to at least one of an image data file and a voice data file, in advance of a recording operation of the image data file or the voice data file, said constituting method information comprising user information exclusive to the user and; constituting method holding means for holding said constituting method information set by said constituting method setting means, in advance of the recording operation of the image data file or the voice data file; and file name determining means for automatically

determining a file name of the image data or the voice data according to [said constituting method] the user exclusive information [of name] held in said constituting method holding means, during [a] the recording operation of the image data or the voice data.

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15. (Amended) A recording device according to claim 14, [characterized in that] wherein said constituting method setting means is included in an external device, and wherein said constituting method setting means communicates with said external device to set said constituting method information [of name] in said constituting method holding means.

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17. (Amended) A recording device comprising:
means for attaching a detachable recording media on which constituting method information [of named] related to at least one of an image data file and a voice data file is recorded in advance of a recording operation of the image data file or the voice data file, said constituting method

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~~information comprising user information exclusive to the user, and for recording the image data or the voice data; and file name determining means for reading a data file in which [said constituting method] the user exclusive information [of name] recorded on said detachable recording media is stored, and for automatically determining the file name of the image data or the voice data according to [said constituting method] the user exclusive information [of name] read from the data file, during [a] the recording operation of the image data or the voice data.~~

18. (Amended) A reproducing device, further comprising means for reproducing [characterized in that] image data or voice data recorded by [a] the recording device according to claim [11] 17 [is reproduced] together with the [attribute data] the user exclusive information.

19. (Amended) A recording system comprising:
recording means for recording [given] image data or voice data on a media;

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first storage means for storing an exclusive user attribute to be appended to the image data or the voice data; second storage means for storing authentication information; and change means for changing the exclusive user attribute stored by said first storage means after an authentication operation is performed by said authentication information stored in said first storage means, said authentication operation taking place prior to the exclusive user attribute being appended to the image data or the voice data.

20. (Amended) A recording system according to claim [1] 17, further comprising: authentication means for performing an authentication operation on the basis of the user exclusive information [said authentication information].

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21. (Amended) A recording device for recording at least one of image data and voice data on a recording medium, comprising:

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generation means for generating image data or voice data to be recorded;

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determining means for determining to-be-recorded attribute information relating to said image data or said voice data, said attribute information being exclusive to the user and generated by the user in an external device before the generation of said image data or said voice data; and recording means for recording the attribute information determined by said determining means, and for relating the attribute information to said image data or said voice data generated by said generation means.

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27. (Amended) A recording method for recording at least one of image data and voice data on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

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a generation step for generating image data or voice data to be recorded;

a determining step for determining to-be-recorded attribute information relating to said image data or said voice data, said attribute information being exclusive to the

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user and set in an external device by the user before recording said image data or said voice data; and a recording step for recording said attribute information determined in said determining step, and for relating said attribute information to said image data or said voice data generated in said generation step.

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33. (Amended) A recording device for recording at least one of image data and voice data on a recording medium, comprising:
generation means for generating image data or voice data to be recorded on the recording medium;
setting means for setting the form of to-be-recorded attribute information relating to said image data or said voice data, the form of the attribute information being exclusive to the user and set by the user before the generation means generates the image data or the voice data to be recorded;
attribute information recording means for causing the recording device to store the form of the attribute

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information set by said the setting means in a detachable storage medium; and

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data recording means for recording the attribute information, according to the form stored in said detachable storage medium, on the recording medium and relating it to the image data or the voice data.

Subj 37. (Amended) A recording method for recording at least one of image data and voice data, comprising the steps of:

a generation step for generating image data or voice data to be recorded;

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a setting step for setting a form of to-be-recorded attribute information, and relating it to said image data or said voice data, the form of the attribute information being exclusive to the user and set by the user before generating the image data or the voice data to be recorded;

an attribute information recording step for providing the recording device to store the form of the attribute information set by said setting step in a detachable recording medium; and

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a recording step for recording the attribute information, according to the form stored in the detachable storage medium, on a recording medium, and relating the attribute information to the image data or the voice data.

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41. (Amended) An electronic device in communication with a recording device which records image data or voice data on a recording medium, the recording device also recording attribute information and relating it to the image data or the voice data, comprising:

generation means for generating the attribute information before a generation of the image data or the voice data, the attribute information comprising information exclusive to the user; and

transmission means for transmitting the attribute information generated by said generation means to the recording device for recording with the image data or voice data.

42. (Amended) An electronic device in communication with a recording device which records image

~~data or voice~~ on a recording medium, the recording device also recording attribute information and relating it to said image data or said voice data, comprising:

generation means for generating said attribute information before a generation of the image data or the voice data, the attribute information comprising information exclusive to the user; and

recording means for recording said attribute information generated by said generation means on a storage medium which is detachable from the recording device for recording with the image data or voice data.

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43. (Amended) A control method for an electronic device in communication with a recording device which records image data or voice data on a recording medium, the recording device also recording attribute information and relating it to said image data or said voice data, comprising the steps of:

a generation step for generating said attribute information before a generation of said image data or said

~~voice data, the attribute information comprising information exclusive to the user; and~~

a transmission step for transmitting said attribute information generated in said generation step to the recording device ~~for recording with the image data or voice data.~~

44. (Amended) A control method for an electronic

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device in communication with a recording device which records image data or voice data on a recording medium, the recording device also recording attribute information and relating it to said image data or said voice data, comprising the steps of:

a generation step for generating said attribute information before a generation of said image data or said voice data, ~~the attribute information comprising information exclusive to the user; and~~

a recording step for recording said attribute information generated in said generation step on a detachable storage medium used with the recording device.